



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Steffen SCHLEHUBER  
Title: MUTEINS OF THE BILIN-  
BINDING PROTEIN  
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Art Unit: 1653

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 26, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Applicant has also enclosed with this communication an English language translation of German patent application no. 19926068 "Muteins of the Bilin-Binding Protein", filed on June 8, 1999; a declaration on the accuracy of the translation by Charles Edward Sitch; 2 identical compact discs with amended sequence listing in computer readable form and substitute sheets with amended sequence listing.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this document.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: